

## National Endowment for the Arts

Rep. Donnelly's Grants Workshop June 26, 2012

#### Who We Are

#### The National Endowment for the Arts:

- is a public agency dedicated to advancing artistic excellence, creativity, and innovation for the benefit of individuals and communities.
- awards more than \$130 million each year to arts organizations of all sizes across all 50 states and U.S. territories.



# We Support

ArtistCommunities

Literature

Musical Theater

- Arts Education
- Local ArtsAgencies

Opera

Dance

Media Arts

(Film/Radio/TV/Internet)

Presenting

Design

Museums

Theater

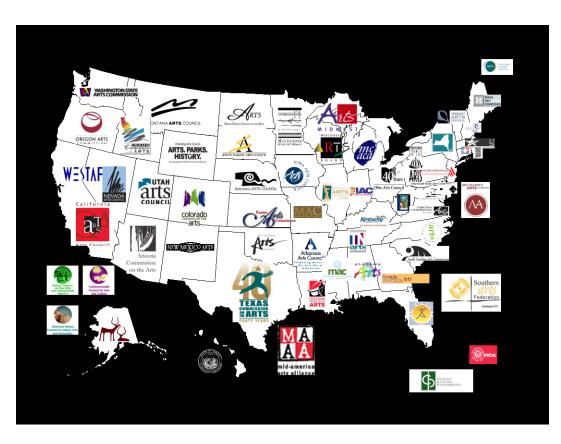
Visual Arts

- Folk & Traditional Arts

Music



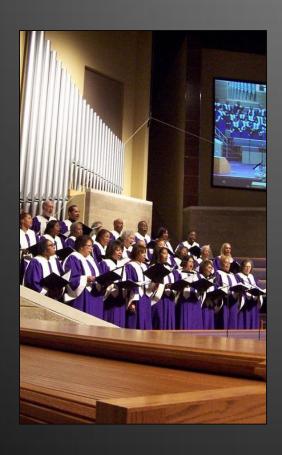
# State & Regional Partnerships



- 50 State ArtsAgencies
- 6 Territories & Jurisdictions
- 6 Regional ArtsOrganizations



# Planning & Preparing Your Grant Application







# Who May Apply

- Arts organizations
- Arts service organizations
- Local arts agencies
- Official units of state or local government
- School districts
- Colleges and Universities
- Federally recognized tribal communities
- Other non-profit organizations







# Requirements



- Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3)
- ▶ 3-year history of programming
- ▶ 1 to 1 match for project budget
- Meet reporting requirements on any previous NEA awards
- Complete interim and final reports on time



#### We Do Not Fund

- General operating support
- Individuals
- Individual schools
- Facility construction, purchase, or renovation
- Commercial, for-profit enterprises
- Creation of new organizations
- Academic degrees
- Re-granting
- Projects that supplant existing in-school arts instruction



#### **Grants Review Process**

Level 3: Chairman of the NEA

Level 2: National Council on the Arts

Level 1: Panel

#### **Review Criteria:**

Artistic Excellence Artistic Merit



# **NEA Funding Streams**



### **Grants for Arts Projects**

- → Art Works
- **→** Challenge America: Fast Track





**Our Town** 



### Art Works: Outcomes & Timeline

- Art Works funds projects across all disciplines
- Deadlines are in March and August
  - Projects <u>must</u> have a start date 10 months after the application deadline
  - Some outcomes in some disciplines are only eligible at a specific deadlines



• Grants range from \$10,000 to \$100,000

The next deadline is August 9, 2012.



## Challenge America: Fast Track

- Applicants are notified of awards within 6 months
- Emphasis on underserved communities
- *All grants are \$10,000*

The next deadline will be in May 2013.





#### Our Town

- Our Town is a new funding stream that focuses on creative placemaking.
- Applicants must be partnerships and include:
  - A nonprofit design or cultural organization
  - Governmental entity
- Projects will emphasize 1 of 3 areas:
  - Arts Engagement Activities
  - Planning
  - Design



Dubuque, IA Warehouse District Exhibit

• Grants range from \$25,000 to \$150,000

The next deadline will be in March 2013.



# Submitting Your Application



## 4 Steps to Submitting Your Application

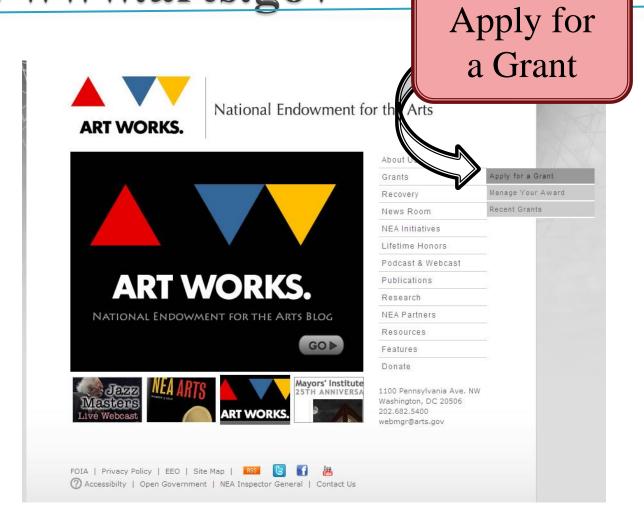
#### WWW.ARTS.GOV SHOULD BE YOUR FIRST STOP

- 1) Go to our website, <u>arts.gov</u>, for detailed application instructions
- 2) Register with grants.gov
- 3) Download the application, fill it out, and submit it through grants.gov
- 4) Send the NEA your work samples electronically through <u>NEA-GO</u>





1) www.arts.gov



# 2) Registering with Grants.gov

- All applicants must complete registration with Grants.gov before applying.
- Registration is a multi-step process
- It is each organization's responsibility to create and maintain updated registration with Grants.gov. You can complete this step TODAY!



# 3) Submitting Your Application

- Grants.gov is an online, government-wide electronic application system where all applications are submitted
- We recommend submitting your application 10 days before the actual deadline

**Grants.gov Help Desk: 1-800-518-4726** 



#### 4) Submission of Work Samples: NEA-GO

- NEA-GO is our new, online tool for submitting your work samples electronically
- After you submit your application through <u>grants.gov</u>, you will receive an email from WESTAF with login information for accessing NEA-GO
- We recommend that you add the following email address to your list of safe senders: <a href="mailto:noreply@culturegrants.org">noreply@culturegrants.org</a>
- Deadlines for submitting work samples vary according to discipline
- You should prepare your work samples well in advance of the deadline and have them fully ready to upload
- NEA staff will be available to answer any questions that you have



# **Helpful Hints**

- Complete your grants.gov registration now
- Read the NEA Grant Guidelines
- Review previously awarded grants
- Flesh out your project
- Decide on an appropriate category and deadline
  - Make note of the earliest project start date
- Contact discipline specialist or director with questions
- Double check the math on the project budget
- Choose an appropriate work sample



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